

Safety Alert

Housekeeping Incident Correct Storage of Materials

An accident resulting in a badly bruised forearm has occurred within Morrison Plant Services.

A fitter was trying to access a 110 volt dropper box which was stored at the rear of the lower shelf surrounded by numerous other items.

As the fitter pulled at the dropper box to free it, the excessive movement caused a wheel hub, stored on the upper shelf, to fall and strike the fitter on the forearm.

The fitter was taken to the local Accident and Emergency Department where an x-ray confirmed that he had badly bruised his forearm.



Lessons for the Group?

- **Ensure shelving is suitable for the load, not overloaded and has been installed in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.**
- **Correctly store hazardous or flammable material in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.**
- **Always store items in a tidy fashion, regularly review and tidy storage areas as necessary.**
- **Only store items which are needed. Do not hoard items unnecessarily, and avoid cluttering up storage areas.**
- **Always position heavy or awkwardly shaped items on lower shelves. Position lighter items that are easily handled on the higher level shelving.**
- **Maximise available space by removing items from their packaging where appropriate.**

Remember

- ***Nothing Morrison does is so important we can not take the time to do it safely***